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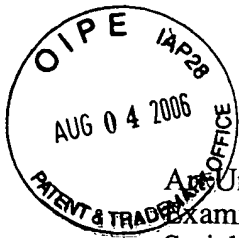
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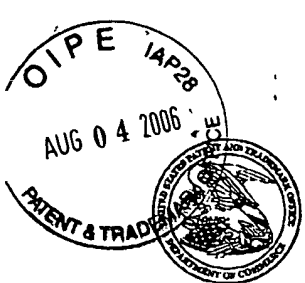
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Micro staple fiber nonwoven fabric and leather-like article in sheet form, and method for their production

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